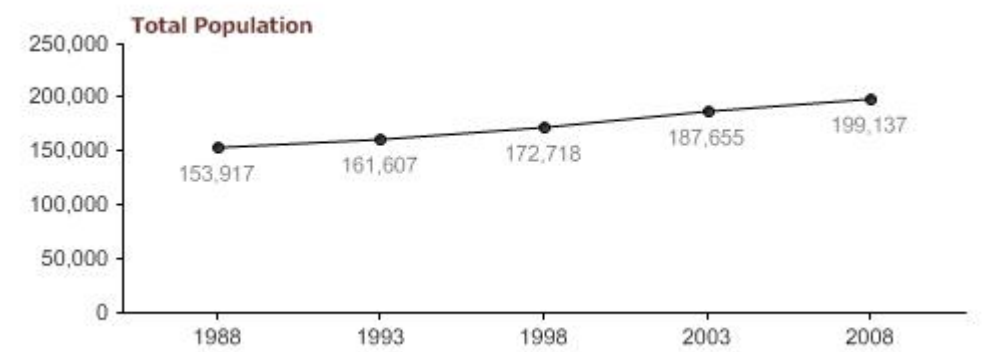


Elkhart County, IN Highlights

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	153,917	161,607	172,718	187,655	199,137
Change Since 1988		7,690	18,801	33,738	45,220
Pct. Change Since 1988		5.0%	12.2%	21.9%	29.4%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008		
	Number	
Net Domestic Migration	-1,217	
International Migration	667	
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	2,039	
Births	3,411	
Deaths	1,372	

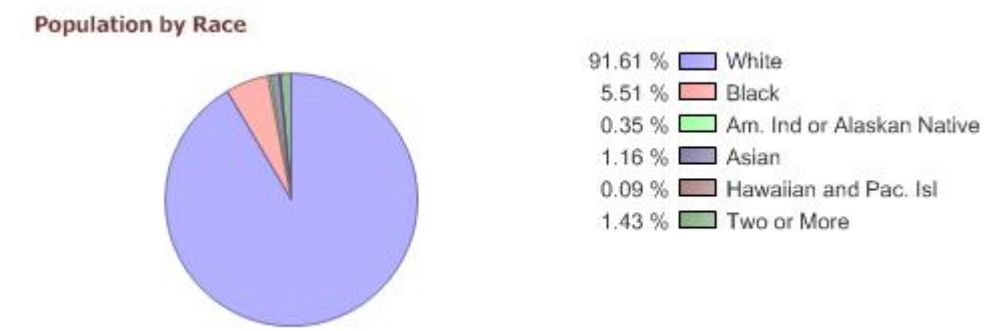
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Population Estimates by Age in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	16,761	8.5%
School Age	39,634	20.1%
College Age	15,458	7.8%

Young Adult	57,702	29.2%
Older Adult	46,831	23.7%
Older (65 plus)	21,556	10.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	690	0.3%
Asian Alone	2,292	1.2%
Black Alone	10,892	5.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	170	0.1%
White Alone	181,064	91.6%
Two or More Race Groups	2,834	1.4%



Hispanic or Latino		
Non-Hispanic or Latino	170,537	86.3%
Hispanic or Latino	27,405	13.9%

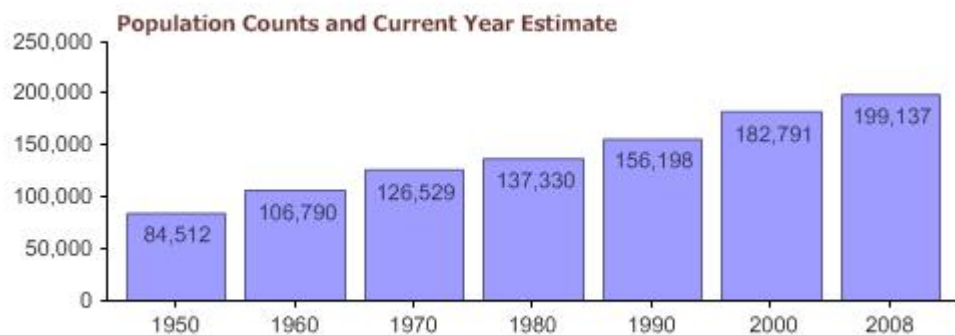
Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	66,154	100.0%
Family Households	47,659	72.0%
Married with Children	17,592	26.6%
Married without Children	19,981	30.2%
Single Parents	6,475	9.8%
Other	3,611	5.5%
Non-family Households	18,495	28.0%
Living Alone	14,938	22.6%
Average Household Size	2.77	
Average Family Household Size	3.85	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate			
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	84,512	NA	NA
1960	106,790	22,278	26.4%
1970	126,529	19,739	18.5%
1980	137,330	10,801	8.5%
1990	156,198	18,868	13.7%

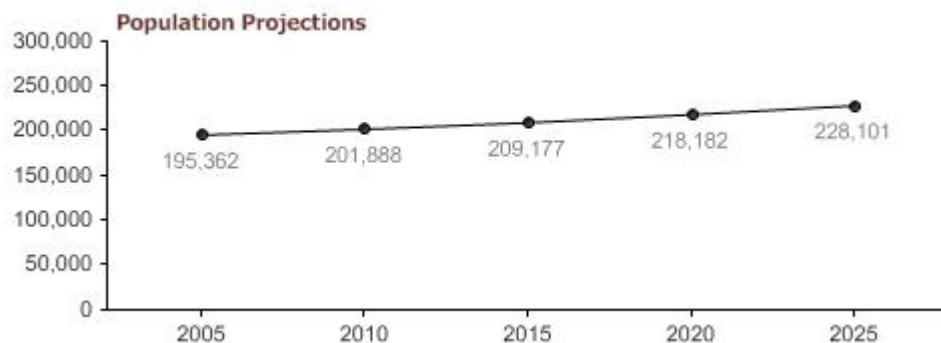
April 2000	182,791	26,593	17.0%
2008	199,137	16,346	8.9%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	195,362	201,888	209,177	218,182	228,101
Change Since 2005		6,526	13,815	22,820	32,739
Pct. Change Since 2005		3.3%	7.1%	11.7%	16.8%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center